



## NORMAN Y. MINETA

### Biographical Statement

Norman Y. Mineta is Vice President, Special Business Initiatives at Lockheed Martin Corporation. Mr. Mineta joined Lockheed Martin in 1995, following his retirement from the United States House of Representatives where he had represented California's Silicon Valley since 1975.

An internationally recognized expert in the field of transportation policy, Mr. Mineta is a former Chair and Ranking Democratic Member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Public Works and Transportation. In total, he served on the Committee for more than 20 years, including 8 years as Chair of its

Aviation Subcommittee. His major accomplishments on the Committee included oversight of airline deregulation during the 1980's and his co-authorship of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA).

A native of San Jose, California, Mineta and his family were among the 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry forced into internment camps by the United States Government during the Second World War. During the 100th Congress, Mineta was the driving force behind passage of H.R. 442, the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which officially apologized for and redressed the injustices endured by Japanese Americans during the War. In 1995, George Washington University awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Medal to Mineta for his contributions to the field of civil rights.

Mineta, among many other legislative initiatives, was one of the four original co-authors of the Americans with Disabilities Act, co-author of the Voting Rights Language Assistance Act, principal author of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency ACT (ISTEA) and author of the Minority Health Improvement Act.

During his career in public service, Mineta accomplished an impressive list of "firsts": In 1967, he became the first non-white Member of the City Council of his hometown of San Jose, California. Just four years later, in 1971, he was elected Mayor of San Jose -- the first Asian Pacific American Mayor of a major U.S. City. While serving in the Congress, Mineta founded the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and served as its first Chair. In 1992, Mineta became Chair of the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation -- the first Asian American to chair a major committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mineta is married to Danealia Mineta. He has two sons, David and Stuart Mineta, and two stepsons, Robert and Mark Brantner.